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USE OF THE GENE NcSAG4 FOR

THE DIAGNOSIS AND

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NEOSPOROSIS AND AS A MARKER FOR ANALYSIS OF

THE PATHOGENESIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified US National Phase application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are mentioned on page 6 and are attached as an Appendix.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.